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Applicants : Wayne A. Hendrickson et al.
U.S. Serial No. : 09/609,027
Filed : June 29, 2000
For : CONJUGATED LIGANDS FOR THE STIMULATION OF
BLOOD CELL PROLIFERATION BY EFFECTING
DIMERIZATION OF THE RECEPTOR FOR STEM
CELL FACTOR

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February 26, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE
OMITTED PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In response to a Notice To File Omitted Parts Of Nonprovisional Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) issued in connection with the above-identified application on January 17, 2001, a copy of which is enclosed as **Exhibit A**, applicants submit the Preliminary Amendment incorporated in this letter. This Preliminary Amendment addresses all issues raised in the January 17, 2001 Notice To File Omitted Parts Of Nonprovisional Application. A response to the Notice To File Omitted Parts was due March 17, 2001. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows: